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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title of the invention on page 1 as follows:

MAIZE NPR1 PROMOTER POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND
METHODS OF USE IN PLANT GENE EXPRESSION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 as follows:

This application is a divisional of and claims priority to and the benefit of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 60/130,692 09/551,778, filed April 23, 1999 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,504,084, and which claims priority to and benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/130,692, filed April 18, 2000 23, 1999, both of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend the abstract of the invention on page 76, line 3 as follows:

The invention provides isolated NPR1 nucleic acids and their encoded proteins. The present invention provides methods and compositions relating to altering NPR1 concentration and/or composition of plants. The invention further provides recombinant expression cassettes, host cells, and transgenic plants. Additionally, the present invention provides NPR1 promoter elements capable of initiating constitutive expression in a plant, expression constructs comprising them, cells, plants and seeds comprising the constructs, and methods of using them to express heterologous nucleic acids in a plant. Further, the present invention provides for methods for screening putative activators of a plant resistance pathway.